

**Human Services Advisory Council
Minutes of February 15, 2007 Meeting**

HSAC Members Present: Leslie Gordon, David Rogers, Mary Beth Sefton, Gail Gulliksen
Staff: Pam Doran

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Chair David Rogers.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 2006 meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes for the January 9 and 11, 2007 meetings were approved with one correction.

Report from the Chair: The Chair had no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Program Audits with CFO John Tuohy: Mr. Tuohy was not available to meet. This discussion will be held at the March meeting.

Agenda for 2007: HSAC will discuss the agenda for 2007 at the March meeting, when Council Liaison Hal Lippman will be present.

March Meeting Date: The March meeting will be moved from the 15th to the 8th so that all members of HSAC can attend.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: HSAC discussed when to schedule the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. It was suggested that the election should be held after the decision of possible consolidation of the boards and commissions takes place. It was also suggested that the election should be held in July to coincide with the beginning of the City's fiscal year. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that HSAC will hold the election of Chair and Vice Chair annually at the July meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Strategic Plan: HSAC expressed interest in the status of the City strategic plan. Pam Doran noted that staff has discussed the plan, and that the City Manager has finalized it and is scheduled to present it to Council on Feb. 20. HSAC would like to see the plan posted in the website. Pam also noted that Council is very involved in discussions of plans for the City Center and has received data from a retail and a transportation study.

Boards and Commissions Issues: Pam Doran reported that the board and commission recruitment fair has been cancelled. Council is now planning to invite all board and commission chairs to a forum on March 22nd. David Rogers expressed interest in seeing the agenda for this forum, preferably before HSAC's March meeting, so that he will be able to take feedback from the full group to the forum. Pam will look into this possibility. HSAC will invite the chairs of the Housing Commission and the Seniors Commission to upcoming meetings. HSAC also briefly reviewed responsibilities assigned to each of these groups, and will continue to collect information to assist in the decision whether to consolidate or otherwise restructure these groups.

Affordable Housing: David Rogers would like to meet with Councilman Dave Chavern to discuss issues and ideas about managing the affordable housing stock in the City. This discussion will touch on issues such as shared equity, negotiating units vs. cash-in-lieu, rental versus home ownership, etc.

Community Service Fund Discussion: HSAC briefly discussed what additional involvement they might have with the organizations funded by the CSF HSAC asked if it would be appropriate to assist these nonprofits with efforts to increase community awareness of their existence and their activities. This suggestion will be incorporated into the 2007 HSAC agenda that will be developed next month. . Pam Doran also noted that Hal Lippman and other City residents are very interested in pursuing additional housing options for adults with developmental disabilities, including group homes or affordable housing which includes caretaker living space.

REPORT FROM STAFF:

Pam Doran reported that H.H.S. is working on a demographic needs study. The draft is expected to be completed in March and will then be shared with Council, the commissions, and other interested parties.

Pam Doran announced that The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a program on the security of voting machines in Falls Church. The program will be Feb. 27th at the Community Center.

Pam also reported that H.H.S. will present its proposed budget, which includes the CSF funding, to Council on April 5, and if interested, HSAC could make a statement requesting the addition of \$6,526 to the CSF to fully fund all of the grant requests. Council will vote on the final budget on April 23rd.

The HSAC meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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